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Subject: RE: 2017 Tallassee Title VI complaint

Good Morning,

Conference line information is going to be as follows: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** If there is a need to update the code as we get closer to the times you've indicated below, we will let you know.

Best Regards,

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Betsy,

We wanted to confirm times for the interviews you have requested.

As of now, we can confirm that **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** are available on Wednesday, November 8th at 4 pm eastern/3 pm central.

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) are available on Monday, November 13th at 4 pm eastern/3 pm central.

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) has moved out of state but we are reaching out to him. **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** is in the hospital and we are not yet sure whether she will be able to join one of these calls. We hope that Amy Washington will be able to participate.

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) works long hours and is only available after 8:30 eastern/7:30 central during the week.

It might also be helpful to know why you are interested in interviewing this particular set of people, some of whom testified at the hearing but were otherwise less involved in advocacy around Stone's Throw and even ADEM's civil rights compliance than other individuals.

Also, please provide call-in information.

Many thanks,

Marianne

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 at 1:43 PM

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Subject: RE: 2017 Tallassee Title VI complaint

Hello Marianne,

Thank you for your response to our request to speak with some of your clients regarding the 2017 Stone's Throw Landfill complaint. We're sorry that you were unable to coordinate with everyone for any of the dates we originally proposed. Below we have provided additional dates and times (all times Eastern). If you or your clients are not available for any of these dates, please provide us with dates that do work and we will do our best to accommodate them:

Monday 11/6 – any time

Tuesday 11/7 – either 1-2 or between 3-5pm

Wednesday 11/8 – any time after 10am

Monday 11/13 – any time

You also asked about what we wanted to discuss. ECRCO would like to hear about conditions related to the landfill since the filing of the complaint in April; any interactions your clients have had with ADEM or the landfill since the filing of the complaint; and, for those who were involved in the hearing on the permit renewal, about their experiences there.

Thanks very much,

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Re: 2017 Stone's Throw Landfill Complaint

Betsy,

Thanks for reaching out about the 2017 Tallassee complaint. We are responding on behalf of our client, the Ashurst Bar/Smith Community Organization (ABSCO).

Members of ABSCO, including Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) among others, welcome the opportunity to speak with ECRCO. To the extent that we can, we are happy to coordinate conversations with ABSCO members.

To our knowledge, this is the first communication that complainants have had with your office since the acknowledgement of the complaint, and before proceeding, it would be helpful to have clarity on the issues ECRCO plans to cover in the interviews so that they can prepare. Please provide us with a list of interview questions or topic areas, which will help to ensure that the interview time is used productively.

Also, we are unable to accommodate the quick turnaround time and will need additional dates in the coming weeks that are convenient for you. Please provide multiple time slots, if possible, over the coming 2-4 weeks, though we will try to coordinate schedules to organize two group interviews, as you suggested.

Please let us know what times would work for ECRCO, but please give us more than a week's notice.

Thank you again for reaching out. We look forward to talking.

Very best,

Marianne

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Hello Marianne,

I'm reaching out in regards to the 2017 Tallassee complaint. In connection with that complaint, ECRCO would like to interview the people I've listed below. I am not certain whether you represent everyone listed. If anyone is not a client and you prefer we contact them directly, please just let me know that.

If possible, we'd like to speak with them in two groups (it does not matter which group we speak with first):

1st group:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

2nd group:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

We would like to schedule a one-hour conversation with each group. We currently have availability the following days:
Thursday, Oct. 26 – between 10am-noon
Monday, Oct. 30 – we are flexible this day, let us know what would work
Tuesday, Oct. 31 – between 1pm-3pm

We can do both groups on the same day, or speak with them on separate days if that works better for you. If the days and times we've suggested don't work, please let us know some alternatives.

Thanks very much,

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